

## **SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 15, 2013 – Regular Meeting  
1:30 p.m. – San Casa Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Ron Bick, Clarence Brosmer, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland and Richard Redican

**Absent:** Ralph Young (excused)

**County:** Judith Nothdurft, Ray Slade and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

A roll call of members was taken that established a quorum is present.

The minutes from May 28, 2013 were unanimously approved as written and the minutes from June 19, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

### **New Business:**

- There was discussion regarding West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit funding the water quality testing and grass carp within the South Gulf Cove (SGC) Waterway Unit. West County Stormwater Utility Unit is having their ordinance revised to include the funding for these items for all units that make up the Stormwater Utility Unit. The savings for the SGC Waterway Unit would be approximately \$10,000-\$11,000. Mr. Giraldi made a motion to transfer the funding for water quality testing and grass carp to the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit, with all testing conditions and criteria to remain the same; the motion was seconded by Mr. Brosmer and passed unanimously. Both the SGC Waterway Committee and the West Charlotte Stormwater Committee Chair requested to receive a copy of the Water Quality Report. Mr. Killion will take the request to the next West Charlotte Stormwater Utility meeting for approval. Mr. Killion inquired about other MSBU's funding water quality testing; Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back.
- There was discussion regarding whether South Gulf Cove Waterway Unit or West Charlotte Stormwater Utility should be funding the SGC lock maintenance. Mr. Redican stated that several years back around May of 2002, the SGC Waterway Committee requested the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit to take over the responsibility of the lock maintenance, however it was never initiated. He has not been able to find anything documenting this action in the archived minutes. The lock maintenance is included in the South Gulf Cove Waterway ordinance and an ordinance change would be required for West Charlotte Stormwater to take over that responsibility. The Committee agreed to table this discussion until the next regular meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- EHM Lock Inspection – Mr. Brosmer & Mr. Slade met prior to this meeting to discuss the lock operation. They ran several tests. The lock appears to be working; however there may be a problem with the receiver. The problems are very intermittent. The Committee paid \$38,000 in October of 2009 to have the system inspected and repaired. Mr. Brosmer and Mr. Slade agreed to meet again to do further testing. Mr. Redican made a motion to move forward with EHM's recommended lock repairs, excluding the replacement of the mechanical items (radio control system, antennae amplifiers, wiring and integration with the PLC control system) estimated at \$30,000; the motion was seconded by Mr. Giraldi and passed unanimously. Mr. Slade stated that County staff can do minor repair work such as painting, cleaning and hose replacement; however the conduit going onto the floating dock is beyond staff capability and it will be contracted out.

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- Turning Basin Depth Survey – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed information received from Mr. Mopps stating that the survey is complete. A suitable spoil site to off load the dredged material needs to be found. Meetings will be scheduled with the permitting agencies. The permitting process is approximately 50-60% complete.
- Sunken Boats – Two sunken boats were raised and removed from SGC canals.
- Chara and Aquatic Weed Control – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed an update received from Mr. Hunter. An inspection was done last week by County staff and the Chara infestation is rampant. Crews are spending 1-2 days per week treating the Chara. Mr. Bick spoke with Mr. Hunter who stated they would try to make applications twice a week.
- Water Quality Testing – Ms. Nothdurft advised the Committee of an email she received from Ms. Vernon from the Engineering Department requesting that the Committee confirm they would like the testing to continue. The Committee confirmed that they would like to continue the water quality testing as is.
- Sunshine Law – Ms. Nothdurft distributed Sunshine Law handouts to the Committee members for review and questions.

### **Citizen Input:**

- There was an inquiry about the cost of a turn-around basin and dredging. Those costs are not known at this time.

The next regular meeting was previously scheduled Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright  
Public Works Department

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